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Mahashivarathri tomorrow

A Night with the Divine

Preparations on for worshipping Lord Shiva at city temples

The 11-kg** Chinnada Kolaga **(Golden Mask) that will be adorning the idol of Shivalinga at Sri Trineshwaraswamy Temple in Mysore Palace premises. Picture right shows 108 Shivalingas at Gurukula on Ramanuja Road being cleaned on the eve of Mahashivarathri.

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (RK, MTY & BS)- Brisk preparations are on for celebrating Mahashivarathri festival at Eshwara temples in the city tomorrow, with the temple premises being cleaned and decorated, along with the idol of the presiding deity, Shivalinga.

The prominent temples of the city, where Shivalinga is being worshipped daily — like Sri Amrutheshwara Swamy Temple on D. Subbaiah Road, Sri Trineshwaraswamy Temple and Sri Kodi Bhyraveshwara Swamy Temple at Mysore Palace premises, Sri Kameshwara Kameshwari Temple and 108 Linga Temple at Gurukula on Ramanuja Road, Sri Chandramoulishwara Swamy Temple, Vontikoppal, Sri Maruleshwara Swamy Temple, K.G. Koppal, Sri Mahadeshwara Temples on Bannur Road, Paduvarahalli, K.T. Street, Halladakeri, Sunnadakeri, Sri Mahalingeshwara Swamy Temple, Srirampura, among several other temples are being readied.

(See SHIVARATHRI on page 7)

Holiday

*Our offices will remain closed tomorrow on account of **Mahashivarathri**. Hence, there will be no issue of **Star of Mysore** dated **Feb. 26, 2025.** — **Management***

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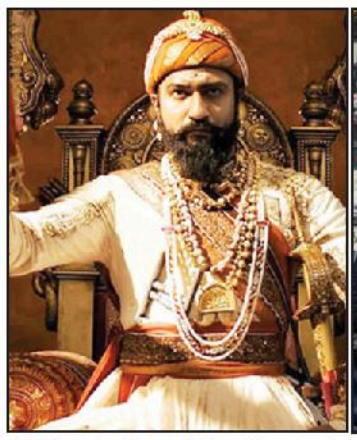

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 25th February 2025

Karnataka wins 'Best Chapter Award' at AHPI Global Conclave

Mysuru, Feb. 25- Karnataka has been conferred the prestigious 'Best Chapter Award' for 2024-2025 under the leadership of AHPI Karnataka Chapter President Dr. Hema Divakar and Secretary Dr. A. Sonia Mandappa by the **Association of Healthcare Providers India (AHPI).** The award was presented at the Global Conclave held in Kochi, Kerala, recently.

Dr. Sonia Mandappa, Secretary of AHPI Karnataka, received the award from AHPI National Director General Dr. Giridhar Gyani and newly appointed National President Dr. M.I. Sahadullah, Managing Director of KIMS Hospital, Trivandrum.

Dr. Hema Divakar, President of AHPI Karnataka Chapter, outlines her vision to advance healthcare excellence by focusing on skill development and the implementation of protocol-based practices. The objective is to equip healthcare professionals with competency-driven training, thereby ensuring the maintenance of high standards of care at all levels.

Dr. A. Sonia Mandappa

By promoting structured, evidence-based protocols, the goal is to enhance patient safety, optimise clinical workflows, and improve overall health outcomes. Through strategic collaborations with medical institutions, skill development programmes, and continuous learning initiatives, we aim to build a resilient healthcare workforce capable of addressing emerging challenges, she said adding that AHPI Karnataka Chapter will strengthen healthcare delivery, bridge existing skill gaps and make a lasting contribution to the quality and accessibility of healthcare across Karnataka.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

GANGA TO PURIFY THE SOUL: ***All rivers are considered holy, with the Ganga revered as the holiest. Taking a holy dip in the Ganga, with the mind completely focused on the supreme power, is the gateway to heaven, said P. Swaminathan in a discourse.***

The Ganga is considered to have the supreme property to not merely cleanse one's body, but also the mind.

One may wonder if a city or its holy waters can truly possess the power to impact such changes in an ordinary mortal. Scriptural history is replete with stories of saints and scholars who have benefited thus. One such evolved soul is Muthusamy Dikshitar, who was taken under his wings by Yogi Chidambaranathar. Muthusamy's father reluctantly agreed to let his son accompany the ascetic to Kasi where the boy found something invaluable: the grace of Goddess Saraswati. Muthusamy took to the life of a sishya to guru Chidambaranathar like a duck to water. Intrinsically endowed with bhakti he learnt everything that the saint taught him. Muthusamy's mind became calm with the spiritual exposure and with his mind set on the divine power, his ecstatic experiences resulted in an outpouring of devotional hymns. Realising that his sishya was fully equipped to guide other devotees on bhakti, Chidambaranathar one day asked Muthusamy to stand in the waters of the Ganga; the student did so, with his mind fully focused on the divine, when he found something caressing his arms. Upon opening his eyes he found a beautiful veena in front of him, with the words Rama inscribed upon it. It was Saraswati's way of acknowledging his devotion. Muthusamy went on to become a great devotional musician, emerging as one of the musical trinity of South India.—*In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Thieves buy lottery ticket using stolen card

Paris: Thieves used a stolen card to buy a winning French lottery ticket worth 500,000 euros ($523,000).

The man whose card was stolen, identified as Jean-David, is offering to split the cash with the lucky winners. He wants his wallet back too. As of Saturday, the state lottery operator La Française des Jeux, or FDJ, said that no one had submitted the ticket to cash out.

Jean-David filed a police complaint about the theft, but is ready to withdraw it if the thieves come forward so that they can share the money. Prosecutors may try to seize the winnings, considering them illegally obtained gains, a lawyer said.

Woman trying to take photo of shark loses hands

Turks: A 55-year-old woman had both her hands bitten off by a shark she was trying to photograph while on vacation in the Turks and Caicos islands.

The Canadian woman was reportedly trying to photograph a 6-foot-long shark in the shallow waters at a beach in the Turks and Caicos Islands when the marine predator attacked her.

Alerted by her screams, the unnamed woman's husband rushed into the water and bravely managed to scare the shark away and bring the victim ashore, but she had already suffered severe damage to both her hands.

The attack occurred on February 7 and the victim was treated at a hospital before leaving the island for better medical care. Unfortunately, doctors could do nothing to save her mangled hands, both of which needed to be amputated.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Kidney disease is not rare. As per the recent data, 1 in every 10 adults suffer from chronic kidney disease across the globe.

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa P. T . - Consultant – Nephrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Mahashivarathri celebrations at Suttur Srikshetra

Mysuru, Feb. 25- As part of Mahashivarathri festival, special programmes have been organised at Suttur Srikshetra on Feb. 26.

At Adi Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogigalavara Kartru Gaddige, special pujas will also be performed at 6 am on Feb. 26 and from 6 pm on Feb. 26 to 6 am on Feb. 27.

On Feb. 26, Shivadeeksha at 7 pm and Silver Chariot procession (Belli Ratha Prakarotsava) at 9.30 pm will be held within the Mutt premises. Special pujas will also be performed at Sri Mahadeshwara, Sri Someshwara, Sri Veerabhadreshwara, Sri Nanjundeshwara and Sri Narayanaswamy Temples.

At the Gaddige premises, On Feb. 26, events like cultural programmes by JSS Residential School students will be held at 5.30 pm; Devotional songs by Revathi Sharma and troupe, Srirampura, Mysuru, at 8 pm; 'Shivakatha Sankeerthana' by S.R. Lakshminarasimhan at 10 pm; On Feb. 27, Lingaraju and troupe will present devotional songs at 1 am; Neelagara Mela by Sri Male Mahadeshwara Kamsale mattu Samskrutika Kala Trust from Byadamudlu village of Chamarajanagar district at 3 am; Bhajans by Sri Basaveshwara Bhajana troupe of Horalavadi at 5 am. Continuous Akhanda Bhajan programmes by various bhajan troupes will be held at Sri Mutt and Gaddige from 6 am on Feb. 26 to 6 am on Feb. 27.

Special Amavasya puja will be held on Feb. 28. The Mutt has, in a press release, appealed devotees and the general public to participate in large numbers.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **113.95 feet**	Today's level **2,275.50 feet**	Today's level **2,836.95 feet**
Last year's level **90.56 feet**	Last year's level **2,270.47 feet**	Last year's level **2,830.95 feet**
Yesterday's level **114.53 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,275.63 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,836.98 feet**
Today's Inflow **212 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **58 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **94 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **3,794 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **800 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **100 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***The tiniest owl in the world is the Elf Owl, which is 5 - 6 inches tall and weighs about 1 ½ ounces. The largest North American owl, in appearance, is the Great Gray Owl, which is up to 32 inches tall.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Brion: *Why did you slap the Telegraph clerk?*
Bosco: *Well, I gave him a telegram to be sent to my girl friend and the useless fellow started reading it!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 86.85
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 109.74
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.64
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.96

VOICE OF THE READER

Neglected and dying lake at Dattagalli 3rd Stage

Sir,

There is a small lake in Dattagalli 3rd Stage, located beside the Ring Road leading to the H.D. Kote Road junction.

A few years ago, a metallic fence was installed around the lake to prevent encroachment. However, the lake's maintenance has been completely neglected.

The water is now covered with green aquatic weeds, preventing proper aeration and emitting a foul smell. This stagnant condition has turned the lake into a breeding ground for disease-carrying insects.

Adding to the problem, residents in the surrounding area are dumping garbage and waste around the lake, particularly along the service road next to the Ring Road.

I urge the authorities concerned and the corporates to take immediate action to rejuvenate this neglected and dying lake.

—B.G. Balaji
Kanakadasanagar
22.2.2025

'Conduct PU exams in an organised & smooth manner'

ADC directs authorities at meeting

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (DM)- With the countdown for II PUC exams (Mar. 1 to 20) having begun, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Dr. P. Shivaraju directed the authorities to conduct the exam in an organised, fair and smooth manner, giving no scope for any untoward incidents.

He was speaking after presiding over a preparatory meeting on II PU exams at the Deputy Commissioner's Office recently.

Pointing out that the exam is being held at 51 centres across the district, including 27 in Mysuru city alone, Dr. Shivaraju said that route officers have been appointed for delivery of question papers to the respective examination centres and the CESC has been directed to ensure uninterrupted power supply during exam hours at all the centres of the district.

Stating that CCTV cameras have been installed at all exam centres, he directed all the exam centre heads to maintain cleanliness and hygiene in and around their centre.

He further said that there are 27 exam centres in Mysuru city, 5 at Nanjangud, 4 each at T. Narasipur, Hunsur and Periyapatna, 3 at Saligrama and 2 each at H.D. Kote and K.R. Nagar.

DDPUEs and other District-level officers of concerned departments were present at the meeting.

Ban orders around city exam centres

As II PU exams will take place from Mar. 1 to 20 at 27 centres across the city, the Mysuru City Police have issued prohibitory orders in 200 metres radius around all the exam centres on all dates of the exams.

Accordingly, barring the examinees and the examiners, no other unauthorised person will be allowed entry to the exam centres and carrying of objectionable articles around the centres is barred.

Also, all photo copy shops and browsing centres in the vicinity of the examination centres have been ordered to shut down during exam hours on all dates of the exam, according to a press release issued by the Office of the City Police Commissioner.

'Physically challenged persons need opportunities, not sympathy'

Former Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities and Padma Shri awardee K.S. Rajanna lighting the lamp to inaugurate the programme at a function held at Mysore Builders' Charitable Trust (MBCT) auditorium, Vishweshwaranagar in city recently as others look on.

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (GA&DM)- Former Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities and *Padma Shri* awardee K.S. Rajanna said that the physically challenged have often shown that they are no less capable than others in almost every field and hence what the physically challenged persons need is more opportunities rather than sympathy or empathy.

He was speaking after inaugurating the Regional Conference of International Lions District 317 G Region-1 at Mysore Builders' Charitable Trust (MBCT) auditorium in Vishweshwaranagar on Sunday.

Pointing out that the physically challenged should not lose confidence for any reason, Rajanna said at the same time, they should not have any feelings of inferiority complex.

"The society should instil confidence among physically challenged persons. I myself is an example for achieving big despite being handicapped. An identity can be got by doing something through hard work. The *Padma Shri* award that I have got is indeed a victory of sorts for the physically challenged," he noted.

Noting that Prime Minister Modi has given a special name for the physically challenged as 'Divyangas', he lauded the PM for working towards the welfare of the poor, the farmers, women and all other sections of the society. Prime Minister Modi, acting on a memorandum submitted to him, has also agreed to make him (Rajanna) a Rajya Sabha member, he added.

Rajanna lauded the yeoman services and activities of the Lions Club for the physically challenged. "I am always supportive of the Lions Club's initiatives for the welfare of the physically challenged and the society as a whole," he added.

Lions Club Multiple Council Chairperson N. Krishnegowda too spoke and explained the activities of the Club.

MANMUL (Mandya Milk Union Limited) Director N. Lakshminarayanagowda, Basavaraj Shankar Umrani, who is known as 'human computer,' Conference Hosting Committee President S. Murthy, K. Devegowda, Nanjundaswamy, N. Subramanya, Jayakumar, K. Ravi, C.D. Krishna, Shilpa Ravikumar and others were present.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Elder Citizens Council

As part of its monthly public awareness programmes, the Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram, has organised a talk on 'Income Tax benefits to senior citizens' by B.V. Mahesha, Chartered Accountant from MTR & Co., on Mar. 3 at 5 pm at Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavan in the Elder Citizens Council premises. Council President Dr. H.M. Nagaraju will preside. For more details, contact Council Secretary K.S. Krishna on Mob: 99804-12406.

Obituary

Bolakaranda Kitty

Mysuru, Feb. 25 - Bolakaranda Kitty (Kuppachira), wife of Bopaiah and a resident of No. 86, Aniketana Road, 3rd Cross, Kuvempunagar, passed away early this morning in city. She was 72.

She leaves behind her husband, daughter Shruthi Bopaiah and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this afternoon, according to family sources.

Ahmed Shariff Hassan

Ahmed Shariff Hassan (71), a resident of No. 12, EWS, CITB Colony 2nd Stage in Udayagiri, passed away at Yamunanagar in Haryana this morning.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today (Feb. 25) at Madrase Wali Masjid in Yamunanagar at 11 pm, followed by the burial.

J. Sebastin

Gundlupet: J. Sebastin (68), retired employee of Forest Department's Bandipur Tiger Project and a resident of K.S.N. Layout in the town, passed away following a heart attack this morning.

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral will be held tomorrow (Feb. 26) at 12 noon at the cemetery next to the RTO Office.

Three of a family commit suicide

Youth drowns at Nanjangud

Masthaiah

Rathnamma

Lakshmi

An auto driver, his wife and daughter have committed suicide by jumping into Visvesvaraya Canal. The bodies of Masthaiah and his wife Rathnamma have been found and a search operation is going on to trace the body of the couple's daughter Lakshmi. There is information that they had a debt of Rs. 12 lakh and also it is learnt that there were family issues. Masthaiah's co-brother Ashoka of Hunsur has lodged a complaint and a case has been registered. It is said that the family has left behind a death note and a search for it will be conducted at their house in Ganjam. An investigation into abetment to suicide or whether the family members were being harassed will be conducted. In case anyone is found to have harassed the family or provoked them, legal action will be initiated against them.

—Mallikarjun Baladandi, Mandya SP

Mandya/ Nanjangud, Feb. 25 (KS)- A couple, along with their daughter, allegedly committed suicide by jumping into Visvesvaraya Canal near Chandagalu, Srirangapatna taluk in Mandya district yesterday. Debts and family issues are said to be the reason for the family of three to end their lives.

The deceased have been identified as Masthaiah (52), an autorickshaw driver, his wife Rathnamma (40) and their daughter Lakshmi (14), all residents of Ganjam in Srirangapatna.

It is learnt that Masthaiah had taken hand loans from many persons amounting to about Rs. 12 lakh for family maintenance. To repay the loans, Masthaiah tried to sell his agricultural land but reportedly had to face problems from his brother Shankar Nayak, leading to the family ending their lives, according to the complaint lodged by Masthaiah's co-brother Ashoka with the Police.

Details: On Monday morning, Masthaiah brought his wife and daughter in his auto from Ganjam to Visvesvaraya Canal near Chandagalu. After parking the auto on the Canal bund, all the three jumped into the Canal.

Meanwhile, a few persons, who were working in their agri fields nearby and saw the three jumping into the Canal, dived into the water in a bid to rescue the family but in vain as water was full in the Canal. The three family members were reportedly drowned and their bodies had swept away.

Expert swimmers and divers were summoned to the spot, who conducted a search operation and finally traced the bodies of Masthaiah and Rathnamma near Mahadeshwara Temple Road at Sundahalli, about 5 kms away from the spot from where they had jumped into the Canal.

Efforts are being made to trace and fish out the body of Lakshmi, who was said to be pursuing her education at a school in Ganjam.

While the spot from where the family jumped into the Canal comes under Shivalli Police limits, the place where the bodies of Masthaiah and Rathnamma were found comes under Mandya Rural Police. As of now, Mandya Rural Police have registered a case and are investigating. No death note was found in the autorickshaw and the Police also searched the house of Masthaiah in an effort to get some clues.

Mandya Superintendent of Police (SP) Mallikarjun Baladandi, Dy.SP L.K. Ramesh, Mandya Rural Inspector Srinivasarao, Sub-Inspector Rasool Saab M. Goundi and staff visited the spot.

Youth drowns in Nanjangud

A youth, who had gone for a swim at Hathwal Katte in Hullahalli, Nanjangud taluk, drowned in the water on Sunday evening.

The deceased youth is Salman (22), son of Nazir Ahmed of Hullahalli. It is said that Salman and three others had gone to Kabini Hathwal Katte for a swim when Salman drowned.

Salman

Hullahalli Sub-Inspector Chethan Kumar and staff, conducted an inspection and summoned Fire and Emergency Services personnel to the spot to trace and fish out the body of Salman. As it grew dark, the search operation was suspended and the body was traced and fished out yesterday morning.

Hullahalli Police have registered a case.

IMA scam: Victims to get back their money before Ramzan

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda** (second from left) **seen chairing the meeting as Minority Welfare Minister Zameer Ahmed, MLA Rizwan Arshad and Chief Minister's Political Secretary Naseer Ahmed look on.

Bengaluru, Feb. 25 (Agencies)- Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda has announced that all depositors who lost their money in the multi-crore IMA (I Monetary Advisory) scam will receive their due compensation before the start of Ramzan.

A meeting was held yesterday to discuss the total amount involved in the IMA scam, the value of movable and immovable assets seized so far, the amount refunded to victims over the past seven years, and the timeline and method for compensating the remaining victims.

Over one lakh depositors had invested Rs. 3,213.58 crore in IMA with the hope of doubling their money, but they were defrauded.

Of the total 69,069 depositors, Rs. 1,400 crore had been returned as dividends from time to time. After the scam was exposed, Rs. 19.12 crore from the company's accounts was distributed to 6,858 victims at Rs. 50,000 per person in April 2022, following a Special Court's orders.

On Nov. 8, 2023, Rs. 66.66 crore was credited to the accounts of 53,142 victims. On May 23, 2024, Rs. 1.28 crore was credited to 626 victims' accounts, according to an official release. On Nov. 7, 2024, Rs. 36.14 lakh was credited to 276 victims' accounts. In total, Rs. 87.43 crore has been credited to the accounts of 60,902 victims so far.

Government has seized over 10 properties linked to IMA, with movable assets valued at Rs. 106.92 crore and immovable assets estimated at Rs. 401.92 crore.

Additionally, Rs. 2.88 crore was seized from various company bank accounts, along with Rs. 11.72 crore in cash and Rs. 11.06 crore in investment certificates, bringing the total seized amount to Rs. 534.5 crore. Krishna Byre Gowda stated that, following a directive from Justice M. Nagaprasanna's Bench, these assets will be auctioned and proceeds will be distributed to investors.

The meeting was attended by Minister Zameer Ahmed, MLA Rizwan Arshad, Chief Minister's Political Secretary Naseer Ahmed and several victims of the IMA scam. Minister Krishna Byre Gowda assured the victims that steps would be taken to distribute compensation based on the proportion of their investments at least ten days before Ramzan.

When the IMA scam surfaced, the Government allowed victims to submit online applications to claim compensation. Active bank accounts linked to financial transactions with IMA were considered valid proof, while those with inactive accounts were required to submit deposit receipts, share certificates or similar documents.

The submitted information was cross-verified with IMA's records and Aadhaar data to identify eligible beneficiaries. In cases where the primary depositor had passed away, the compensation was arranged to be transferred to their nominated beneficiaries.

Attack on Udayagiri Police Station

BJP questions arrest delays; suspects a larger conspiracy

Peaceful 'Mysuru Chalo' rally held under Court directions

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (MK&BCT)- State BJP Vice-President N. Mahesh questioned whether Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara instructed the Police not to arrest those accused in the Udayagiri Police Station stone-pelting case.

Speaking at the 'Mysuru Chalo' protest rally organised by the Rashtra Suraksha Janandolana Samithi at the football ground of the Maharaja's College last evening, Mahesh alleged that miscreants were responsible for the stone-pelting.

Out of the 1,000 accused named in the FIR, only 23 have been arrested so far. Mahesh demanded to know when the remaining accused would be brought to justice. "We respect the Constitution of this country, which is why we obtained Court permission to protest. Siddaramaiah's appeasement politics will backfire," he warned.

Rashtra Suraksha Janandolana Samithi Convener K.T. Ullas alleged that the stone-pelting incident was not the act of ordinary individuals and hinted at a larger conspiracy. He questioned the source of the stones used during the attack and linked the incident to similar events in Mangaluru, where mobs targeted the Police.

Ullas demanded a thorough investigation by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and called for the accused to be charged under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

The 'Mysuru Chalo' protest rally, which began around 3 pm under Court direction, saw the participation of Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, City BJP President and former MLA L. Nagendra, former MP Pratap Simha, former MLA Balaraj, and other BJP leaders, who stood in solidarity with the protesters.

However, they did not make any public statements. Opposition leader R. Ashoka and BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra were notably absent from the rally though they had come to Mysuru in the morning.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa stated that the 'Mysuru Chalo' protest, organised by the Rashtra Suraksha Janandolana Samithi, was conducted under Court orders to condemn the attack on the Udayagiri Police Station.

He expressed concern that the Police, who are supposed to safeguard the public, are now vulnerable themselves. "This protest was organised to boost Police morale," Srivatsa explained.

He also accused the Congress Government of engaging in appeasement politics for a particular community, leading to a complete breakdown of law and order.

Criticising local Ministers for their silence on attacks against Kannadigas in the border districts of Belagavi and Maharashtra, Srivatsa demanded immediate action and strict legal measures against the culprits.

MLA calls for unity of Banjara community

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (MTY&DM)- Observing that unity is key for getting rights, MLA K. Harishgowda called upon the Banjara community to always stand united, as only an organised fight will help in getting rights or achieving goals.

He was speaking after inaugurating Santa Sevalal Jayanti celebration organised jointly by the District Administration and Kannada and Culture Department, at Kiru Rangamandira in Kalamandira premises here on Sunday.

Noting that an organised movement is key for economic, social, academic and political progress, Harishgowda reiterated that the Banjara community should stand united for getting benefits.

Pointing out that the community has a large presence in North Karnataka, the MLA said that there are only a few thousand community members in Mysuru region.

"The Congress Government established the Banjara Development Corporation for the overall development of the community. The Government is also making honest efforts for the upliftment of micro and minority communities. I am also working for the welfare of the Lambani population in my Chamaraja Assembly segment. A community Hall (Samudaya Bhavan) has already been built for Banjara community and several other measures have been taken for providing facilities to the community," he maintained.

MLC C.N. Manjegowda, in his address, said that Saint Sevalal has made enormous contribution for the society by doing great works. Sevalal is an ideal saint and as such it is important that everyone should know about him. Lauding the community for giving a special place for women, he noted that respecting women is akin to worshipping God.

Kalaburagi Excise Superintendent Sriram Devasoth delivered a special lecture on Saint Sevalal on the occasion.

Vijayanagar district's Banjara Shakti Peetha Seer Sri Shivaprakash Maharaj Swamiji graced the occasion.

Kannada and Culture Department Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Banjara Seva Sangha President M. Sundar, Vice-President Teja Nayak, Secretary M. Anil, Banjara Mahila Sangha President Dharanibai Sudarshan, community leader Kaveri Bai and others were present.

CM's MUDA 50:50 sites case

Accusations politically motivated: Dr. Yathindra

Dr. Yathindra

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (PM&BCT)- MLC and son of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, has stated that no scandal involving his father has been uncovered in MUDA site allotment case, despite false accusations being made and propagated. He also alleged that RTI activists were used to file baseless cases related to the issue.

Speaking to reporters at Kiru Rangamandira at Kalamandira premises last evening, Dr. Yathindra clarified that a notice issued by Lokayukta to RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna confirmed that there is no evidence to suggest CM Siddaramaiah exerted any influence in site allotment process.

"There was no need for any influence, as we were allotted sites just like everyone else. Therefore, my father had no role in it," he said, emphasising that MUDA legally allotted sites to them under standard procedures.

Dr. Yathindra further explained that MUDA had taken over their land without prior notice and subsequently allotted sites. A false complaint was then filed, accusing them of using undue influence to secure the sites unlawfully. "This was politically motivated. However, the Lokayukta has now confirmed that no wrongdoing occurred and the truth has prevailed," he stated.

He clarified that although his mother had written a letter regarding the MUDA site allocation, his father had not. "Since I was a member of MUDA, attempts were made to implicate me. However, I did not speak at the MUDA meeting on this matter, so there are no records of my involvement," he added.

Addressing speculation about a change in leadership, Dr. Yathindra dismissed opposition claims that the CM would be replaced following the MUDA case.

"The Opposition's internal conflicts have created chaos within their party. Despite this, they continue to hurl baseless accusations at us. However, there will be no change in the CM. We stand firmly behind Siddaramaiah and the High Command has affirmed this. They have recognised that all allegations against him are entirely false," he asserted.

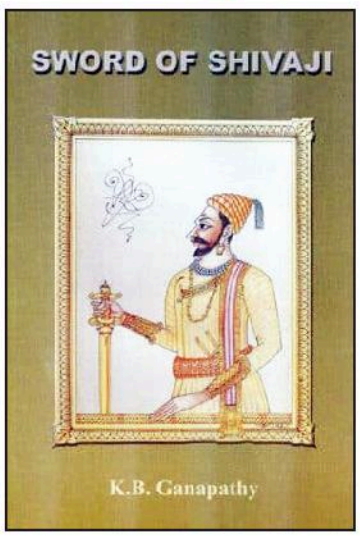
Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

'Chhaava' film review — a recall of my book 'Sword of Shivaji'

Vicky Kaushal as Sambhaji in 'Chhaava.'

Akshaye Khanna as Aurangzeb in the film.



The book 'Sword of Shivaji.'

DRC Cinemas has been my only film destination in city ever since it opened its door in the year 2011. Two reasons: Owners are friendly, one phone call seats are reserved (!) and during the interval DRC's famous stomach-filling samosa and hot coffee arrive at my seat as by magic. And, one more decisive reason is I am briefed when a good movie is screened.

That's how I went to see the Hindi film *'Chhaava'* (Lion Cub in Marathi) a few days back. However, there was also a special compelling reason for me to see the film, samosa or no samosa. That was the book *'Sword of Shivaji'* I wrote in 2021 to pass time during the dark, dim, desperate days of the COVID-19 pandemic. I studied a couple of books on Shivaji, the Maratha warrior, King and Emperor and wrote a compendium of a book on Shivaji, from his grandfather's time to the time of his death and a little thereafter, running to 95 pages both in English and Kannada.

The film, however, was not about Shivaji Maharaj but about his eldest son Sambhaji played by Vicky Kaushal. I wish Ranveer Singh had played that pivotal role in the film. Let it be. Rashmika Mandanna seemed to fit her brief role well as a Marathi queen.

There was much blood and gore in the first part that it made me somnolence. However, after the interval, a samosa and hot coffee, I was wide awake and remained riveted to the silver screen turned into a bloody screen. I have read and written about *Chhaava,* Sambhaji and how he was tortured by Aurangzeb. He was so cruel he personally supervises and, in the film inflicts the wound and kills. Well, if Aurangzeb could ill-treat his own father Shah Jahan, would he spare his enemy. I had read that Sambhaji was betrayed to Aurangzeb by a member of a particular community (one history book names it) trusted by Sambhaji.

What took me by surprise was the reel Aurangzeb, as if reborn to play the role, on the screen. I have tried to describe Aurangzeb's personality and mannerisms in his court in Agra where Shivaji and his son, protagonist of the film Sambhaji, were arrested. It was not acting a part by actor **Akshaye Khanna**, it was living the role. Yes, there had to be heavy prosthetic work, specially on his nose as was done to Kangana Ranaut in the film *'Emergency'.* What a sterling performance Akshaye Khanna has delivered! It was too real for me to believe. It was like a character played by the actor after a *'parakaya pravesha,'* we have heard about Adi Shankaracharya in another context and time.

It was a complex role and so difficult to deliver. But Akshaye Khanna's was a performance par excellence sans a single flaw. For me it was as though the real Aurangzeb had come down to earth, from wherever he was, to play the reel-life role! **I wanted to see him again and again on the screen for the sheer brilliance of his acting.** Only Dilip Kumar and Amitabh Bachchan could have played the role to match Akshaye Khanna. Kudos to him and here is my Mughal Salam to Akshaye Khanna.

Be that as it may, my book covers Sambhaji Maharaj since the time he accompanied his father Shivaji to Agra to negotiate with Aurangzeb along with Ram Singh, the son of the Mughal Governor of Dakhan, Raja Jai Singh. Imprisonment of father and son in the Palace named Jaipur House, their escape etc., too are in my book. However, the film focusses more on Sambhaji's military confrontation with Aurangzeb, his capture, torture and death. Till the end of his life, he remained a Hindu, obdurately refusing to convert to Islam even after putting him through the painful, humiliating gauntlet parade and severing of his tongue...

Sitting in the darkness of the cosy theatre, illumined by the reflected light from the screen, I remembered the words of Raja Jai Singh, Aurangzeb's Dakhan Governor, who was blamed for Shivaji's escape from Agra Jail and in danger of his life: **"There is no medicine against fate."** Indeed, there was no medicine against fate for Sambhaji just as it was for his father Shivaji and later to his step son Rajaram who succeeded Sambhaji — yes, thereafter it was Peshwas, who built the Maratha Empire upon the foundation laid by Shivaji and his son Sambhaji

According historians, I have alluded to this in my book, Sambhaji was more into selfish indulgence and was unstable. His character was scandalous so much so Shivaji imprisoned him. He was so vain he took to dressing like Mughal courtiers and behaved like one.

However, he was a changed person after he ascended the throne on July 20, 1680, four months after Shivaji's death because of Palace intrigue to make his step son Rajaram the Emperor.

About the torture I wrote in my book:

"Sambhaji was physically beaten up, whipped or pierced in the presence of Aurangzeb's army. Tattered and bleeding, he was brought before the emperor Aurangzeb who asked him to embrace Islam. Sambhaji refused and was made to run the gauntlet of the imperial army even as soldiers whipped and pierced him. It is said that his tongue was torn out and was asked the same question, 'Will you embrace Islam?' Sambhaji asked for a writing material and wrote, 'not even if the Emperor bribed me with his daughter.' Immediately he was put to death."

"History is more or less bunk," Henry Ford said in jest. May be, but history is a repository of valuable survival lessons for the present and the succeeding generations to live unitedly and defeat the enemy.

Jai Bhavani

NOTE: Those interested in buying the book ***Sword of Shivaji*** may contact T.S. Gopinath on Mob: 98452-96447 [e-mail: *voice@starofmysore.com]*

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Mahashivarathri at Isha Yoga Centre

Amit Shah, D.K. Shivakumar to join Sadhguru

Chennai, Feb. 25- The Mahashivarathri festival will be celebrated in a grand manner on Feb. 26 at the Isha Yoga Centre in Coimbatore. The events will begin at 6 pm on Feb. 26 and conclude at 6 am on Feb. 27.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar will attend as special guests of the Sadhguru.

Mahashivarathri is an exuberant nightlong festival with explosive meditations by Sadhguru and spectacular musical performances by renowned artistes.

CHAMPIONS ICC TROPHY 2025 - PAKISTAN

TODAY'S MATCH FEB. 25

Australia Vs **South Africa**
Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, Rawalpindi - **2.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH FEB. 26

Afghanistan Vs **England**
Gaddafi Stadium
Lahore - **2.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

Bangladesh 236/9 (50 overs) LOST TO **News Zealand** 240/5 (46.1 overs)

Live action on:
Star Sports Network & JioHotstar

WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

TODAY'S MATCH FEB. 25

DC Vs **GG**
M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru - **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH FEB. 26

MI Vs **UP Warriorz**
M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru - **7.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

RCB 180/6 (20 Overs) & 4/0 (Super Over) LOST TO **UP Warriorz** 180 & 8/1

Live action on:
Star Sports Network & JioHotstar

Ramakrishna Paramahamsa was born when Hinduism faced extinction

Noted orator Chakravarty Sulibele at Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Jatra Mahotsava

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (PM&DM)- Noted orator and Hinduism advocate Chakravarty Sulibele said that Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa was born at a time when Hinduism was on the brink of extinction, and his contributions to the revival and growth of the religion are immense.

He was speaking as the chief guest at Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Jatra Mahotsava organised by city's Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Seva Pratishtana as part of Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Jayanti at Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Circle recently.

Highlighting Ramakrishna Paramahamsa's influence as a great Hindu spiritual leader who profoundly impacted modern Indian history, Sulibele said, "Ramakrishna worked to reform negative elements in society and spread his teachings to every household. It can be said that his principles form the foundation for the discourses of all modern spiritual leaders in India. That is the power of Paramahamsa."

Emphasising Hindu unity, Sulibele noted that more than 60 crore people have taken a holy dip at Prayagraj Kumbh Mela so far, indicating that nearly every second Hindu has participated in the ongoing event. He asserted that religion remains a central force in the country, citing an example from the British era.

Truth and modernity

Noted orator Hiremagaluru Kannan, popularly known as 'Kannadada Poojari,' observed that while Dharma is what we practice and Satya (Truth) is what we speak, modern times have seen a reversal due to changing societal attitudes. He stressed the need to live in harmony with the blessings of the Almighty and urged people to embrace a culturally rich life by rejecting greed and jealousy.

"At present, we face a situation where it is essential to first teach our children patriotism to ensure the nation's future. We must also educate them about India's legacy of ideals, mutual respect, spirituality, and strength," he said.

As part of the event, a grand Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Rathotsava was taken out through prominent streets of Ramakrishnanagar I Block. The event also featured a yoga presentation. Mysuru Ramakrishna Ashrama President Swami Muktidanandaji graced the occasion.

MLA G.T. Devegowda, Pratishtana President and former MLC D. Madegowda, Working President Dr. S.P. Yoganna, former Corporator Lakshmi Kiran, Mahotsava Convenor M.K. Yeshwanth Kumar, BJP leader Kaveesh Gowda, and others were present.

Mahashivarathri tomorrow

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Nanjangud Srikanteshwara Swamy Temple, the main temple in this part of the State, considered as Dakshina Kashi of the South, is also being prepared for the Mahashivarathri festival.

With *Jagarane* (night vigil by keeping awake overnight), being the main tradition in practice that marks Mahashivarathri, all the temples have made the required arrangements for the benefit of devotees. The Jain Associations and other organisations have made arrangements for distributing prasada, to the devotees on night vigil.

Golden Mask

The 11-kg *Chinnada Kolaga* (Golden Mask) that will be adorning the idol of Shivalinga at Sri Trineshwaraswamy Temple near Jayamarthanda Gate at Mysore Palace premises, was brought from the District Treasury to temple, amid heavy security this morning.

The temple falls under the ambit of newly constituted Shree Chamundeshwari Kshetra Development Authority. It is also the first Mahashivarathri festival being celebrated, after the formation of the Authority. Under the supervision of Authority Secretary Dr. M.J. Roopa, the process of bringing and handing over the *Kolaga* to temple authorities was video recorded. The indent of jewels that were brought along with the *Kolaga* was read and recorded before those present, to mark the official handing over of the antiques for the festival.

Rituals galore

In the wake of Shivarathri, various Abhishekas (Mahanyasa Poorvaka Rudrabhisheka) and puja during four Yaamas will be performed to the deity from 3 am itself. The temple will be opened for the devotees at 6 am. The darshan of deity adorned with *Chinnada Kolaga*, will be allowed for 24 hours, from 6 am of Feb. 26 to 6 am of Feb. 27.

Several arrangements have been made for the benefit of devotees with barricades erected for hassle free visit to the temple through queue. The CCTV cameras have been installed as extended security measure, along with adequate lighting arrangements and pandal to avoid sun, so that the devotees can move along with ease. For the first time, over 250 artistes from Mysuru and Bengaluru, will be performing various cultural programmes on a specially erected dais on the premises of the temple, overnight.

Maharaja's vow

The 25th and last Maharaja of Mysore Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, donated Chinnada Kolaga to Sri Trineshwaraswamy Temple to fulfil the vow on the birth of his son (Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar) in the year 1952. Similarly, the *Kolagas* were also donated to Nanjangud Srikanteshwara Swamy Temple and Male Mahadeshwara Swamy Temple at Male Mahadeshwara Hills (MM Hills). The one donated to Trineshwara is so artistically impressive that, it enhances the beauty of the idol upon decorating the deity.

Legend says... As per the lore in circulation, the Maharaja Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, who was known for several musical compositions, was composing songs, by sitting on a stone bench directly facing the deity.

Entry from all gates

Secretary of Shree Chamundeshwari Kshetra Development Authority Dr. Roopa said, "we have requested the Mysore Palace Board to allow devotees visiting the temple, through all the gates of the Palace. On Feb. 27 at 11 am, the *Chinnada Kolaga* will be taken back to the District Treasury amid heavy security."

Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, priests Santhanam and Srihari and Muzrai Department Manager Kavya and ACP (Palace) H. Chandrashekar were present.

Probe into CM's 50:50 MUDA sites case

Lokayukta 'B Report' names former Mysuru DC, 3 officials

Bengaluru, Feb. 25 (OSR)- In the 'B Report' submitted by the Mysuru Lokayukta Police to the Special Court of Elected Representatives regarding the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) 50:50 site allotment scam involving Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, his wife B.M. Parvathi, brother-in-law B.M. Mallikarjunaswamy and landowner J. Devaraju, four Government officials, including former Mysuru DC G. Kumar Naik, who is the current Congress MP, have been accused of dereliction of duty. Of these officials, two have retired.

The investigative report, spanning 27 volumes and 11,200 pages, was submitted on Feb. 20 to the presiding Judge of the 82nd CCH Elected Representatives Court, Santhosh Gajanan Bhat. The report includes statements from over 50 witnesses.

Kumar Naik, currently the Congress MP from Raichur, was the Mysuru DC when the land conversion occurred, classifying 3.16 acres at Kesare as agricultural land despite MUDA having acquired it.

The Lokayukta cited dereliction of duty on his part. Other officials named are retired Tahsildar Maalige Shankar, retired Revenue Inspector Siddappaji and Surveyor Shankarappa from the office of the Assistant Director of Land Records.

Mysuru Lokayukta SP T.J. Udesh recommended departmental inquiries and disciplinary actions against them. It remains to be seen how the Government will respond.

Kumar Naik resigned from service in 2023. Consequently, action can be taken against him under the All India (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1965. However, since 19 years have passed since the land conversion, the Government must decide on disciplinary action against him.

In addition to Kumar Naik, the Lokayukta has recommended action against Surveyor Shankar, who is currently serving in Mysuru, under the Civil Services (Conduct, Classification and Appeal) Rules.

Land conversion irregularities

The Lokayukta report has uncovered irregularities in the land conversion process. Based on an application by B.M. Mallikarjunaswamy, MUDA initiated development work for Devanur's 3rd Phase Layout on 3 acres and 16 guntas of land in Survey Number 464 of Kesare village.

According to the report, then Deputy Commissioner Kumar Naik, Tahsildar Maalige Shankar, Revenue Inspector Siddappaji, and Surveyor Shankarappa prepared the site investigation report and map without visiting the site and issued incorrect orders.

Among them, Maalige Shankar and Siddappaji retired from Government service over four years ago.

Under Karnataka Government Service Rules, Rule 214 (B), departmental proceedings cannot be initiated against them post-retirement or during their re-employment period.

Additionally, given the 19-year gap since the incident, the Government must decide whether to proceed with disciplinary action.

The Lokayukta Police have also recommended additional investigations into allegations of issuing compensatory sites in a 50:50 ratio from 2016 to 2024. They have suggested submitting an additional final report under Section 173 (8) of the Cr.PC.

Court allows Snehamayi Krishna to personally argue in MUDA case

Bengaluru, Feb. 25 (BLU& BCT)- The Special Court of Elected Representatives has allowed the complainant in the MUDA case Snehamayi Krishna to personally argue the case against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, his wife B.M. Parvathi, his brother-in-law B.M. Mallikarjunaswamy and land owner J. Devaraju, without the assistance of a lawyer.

On Monday, the Court directed the Lokayukta Police to issue the necessary documents and the final report to Snehamayi Krishna by March 1, 2025.

After hearing arguments from Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) Venkatesh Arabatti, representing Krishna, Judge Santhosh Gajanan Bhat issued the order and adjourned the hearing to March 7 for Krishna's submission.

Krishna had earlier filed an application under Section 173 of the Cr.PC, seeking permission to prosecute the case personally and requested a copy of the final report to support the prosecution. The Court granted both requests and instructed the registry to provide a complete copy of the final report filed by the Lokayukta Police for Krishna's submissions.

Following this, a memo was submitted on behalf of the SPP, stating that the Lokayukta would provide all relevant documents to the complainant within a week at the Investigating Officer's office in Mysuru.

5-day National Theatre Festival in city from tomorrow

Abhiyenthararu President H.S. Suresh Babu (centre) and others releasing the Theatre Festival posters.

Mysuru, Feb. 25- Abhiyenthararu, a Theatre for Engineers, in association with Ministry of Culture, New Delhi, has organised a 5-day Rashtriya Ranga Utsava (National Theatre Festival) at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira here from Feb. 26 to Mar. 2.

Senior litterateur Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah will inaugurate the Fest tomorrow (Feb. 26) at 6.30 pm. Former Karnataka Nataka Academy Chairman Sreenivas G. Kappanna will preside. Rangayana Mysuru Director Sathish Tipatur, Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan will be the chief guests.

The 5-day Theatre Fest features three Kannada, one Hindi and one English plays, starting at 7 pm every day. Entry ticket is Rs.100 for each play and season ticket is priced at Rs. 400. The schedule is as follows:

SCHEDULE

Feb. 26 - Shivoham (Kannada)

Team: Chronicles of India.

Design, Music & Direction By: Ganesh Mandarthi.

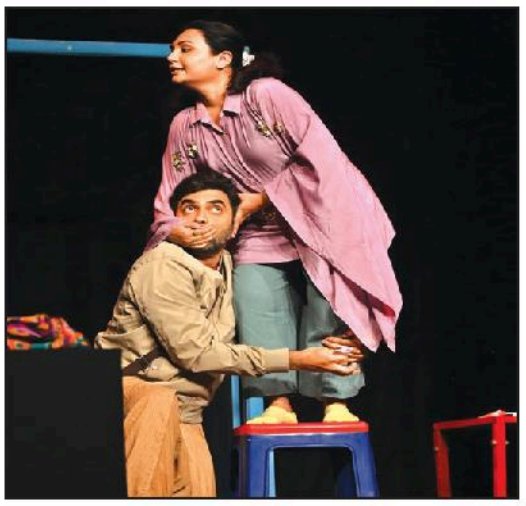
Artistes: Ganeshraj Gowda, Soubhaghya, Harisamashti, Veenajayashankar, Sharth, Roshan, Eshwar, Ananya, Kalashree, Gururaj, Sashidhar, Sindhu, Charith, Srikanth and Panaputra.

Feb. 27 - Ondu Vilaya Kathe (Kannada)

Team: Yuvashree, Bengaluru.

Written & Directed By: Sharath Parvathavani.

Cast & Crew: Siddarth Bhat, Apeksha, Charith, Akila R. Rao, Sumith Bekal, Sujay, Channagiri, Vijay Kulakarni, Prabhakar, Nagalakshmi and Veena.



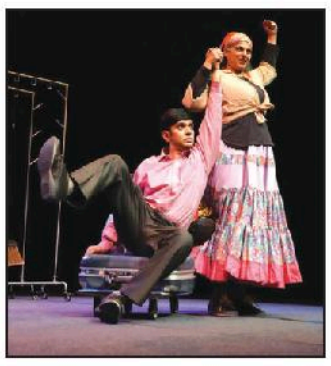
Feb. 28 - Bag Dancing (English)

Team: Butai, Bengaluru.

Written By: Mike Kenny.

Designed & Directed By: Ujwala Rao

Artistes: Surabhi J. Herur and B.V. Shrunga.

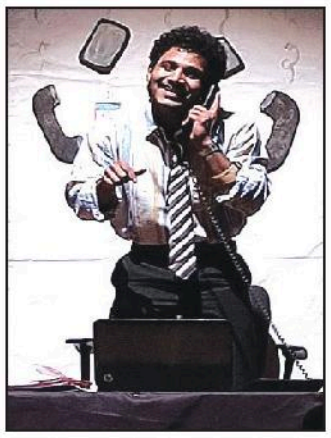


Mar. 1 - Thu Jinda 'Bhi' Hai (Hindi)

Team: Abhinay Kalyan, Mumbai.

Designed & Directed By: Abhijeeth Zunjarrao.

Artistes: Parin More, Kshitij Gaikwad, Pranav Shedge, Sohan Shirke, Priyanshu More, Aryan Ansari, Mohit Ingale, Sushant Khilare, Akhilesh Khumbhar, Vijaya Nakhva, Amruta Shrigondakar, Bhumi Koli, Anamika Kamble, Shweta Kamble, Shreya Joshi and Ganesh Jagtap.



Mar. 2 - Kalasuthra (Kannada)

Team: Abhiyenthararu.

Written By: Aniketh Bole; **Adapted By:** Prakash Parvathikara.

Directed By: H.S. Suresh Babu.

Artistes: Ganesh, Yashwanth, Nagesh, Prasha Gowda, Siddanth, Mahadevaswamy, Anuradha, Chethu, Thippeswamy, Rajendra, Shivu and Sachin.

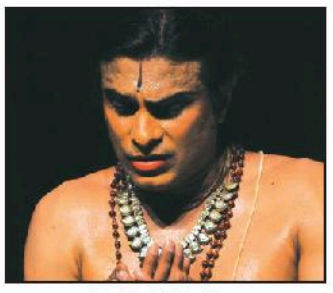
Sringara Sahitya-Pada-Javali

Mysuru, Feb. 25- On the occasion of 'Nartana Namana' at 6 pm on Feb. 26, Ganabharathi, in association with Vidu. Nandini Eswer's Raasavrunda, in memory of Smt. Saraswathamma, Dr. R. Radha and Vidu. A.S. Padma, will present Sringara Sahitya-Pada-Javali at its pemises in Kuvempunagar.

Conceptualisation and direction is by Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar and she will be assisted by her disciples, Vidu. Akshatha and Vidu. Sabhyata.

This will be followed by Padam-Javali: Tulanatmaka Prayoga by the artistes of Raasavrunda. Dance direction is by Vidu. Nandini Eswer. The performing artistes are Dr. Rohitha Eswer, Vidu. M.S. Nityashree and Vidu. Chinmayee Bharadwaj.

Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar



Dr. Rohitha Eswer

About the artiste: Hailing from an artiste's family, Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar is a multifaceted artiste of different stature. She is the daughter of freedom fighter and National awardee H.K. Subba Rao and Lakshmamma Subba Rao. A student of her mother in Karnatak Music, Sukanya has been conferred Doctorate by the University of Mysore for her thesis on the contributions of Sri Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar. Through Surabhi Gana Kalamandira, she has been imparting music to many students.

Dr. Sukanya is an AIR and Doordarshan 'A' grade artiste. To her credit she has released many recordings and is a recipient of Rajyotsava Award by Govt. of Karnataka, Karnataka Kalashree Award from the Madras Music Academy, Ganakalashree Award, Sangita Kala Ratna from Gayana Samaja, Bengaluru.

Bhushans Vishishta Bhushana

All-night performance for Mahashivarathri

Mysuru, Feb. 25- Bhushans' Academy of Performing Arts and Visual Presentation, headed by internationally acclaimed Bharatanatyam artiste Guru Badari Divya Bhushan, has come up with a unique Natyanjali on account of Mahashivarathri for the second consecutive year on Feb. 26 — Vishishta Bhushana 2025, where artistes from different parts of India will be performing all-night at three temples across the city.

Devotees can catch up with these performances at Sri Trineshwaraswamy Temple in Mysore Palace from 6 pm; at Sri Chandramouleshwara Swamy Temple in V.V. Mohalla from 8.30 pm and at Sri Chandramouleshwara Swamy Temple in K.G. Koppal, from 6.30 pm, throughout the night of Shivarathri.

Replica of Kashi Vishwanath Temple in city beckons devotees

A key initiative by Brahma Kumaris for Mahashivarathri Festival

A replica of Kashi Vishwanath Temple of Varanasi, built in front of BVB on Mysuru-Hunsur Road in city.

The 21-feet tall Shivalinga, resembling the idol made of Ruby stone.

The entrance arch of 'Jnana Vijnana Divya Darshana Mela.'

A scene from the dramatic performance of Robotic Kumbhakarna.

Several number of devotees from in and around Mysuru have been visiting 'Jnana Vijnana Mela' daily in the evening. They have been also attending the cultural programmes and lectures related to spirituality, which shows that the devotees are eager to adapt to stress free and healthy lifestyle.

—Rajayogini Brahmakumari Lakshmiji, Chief Convener, Brahma Kumaris, Mysuru Zone

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (SPN&BS)- A replica of Kashi Vishwanath Temple of Varanasi, has been built in front of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) on Mysuru-Hunsur Road in city, by Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mysuru unit, that has been attracting the devotees from far and wide.

The Brahma Kumaris have organised 'Jnana Vijnana Divya Darshana Mela,' as part of Trimurti Shiva Jayanti Mahotsava, till Mar. 2, during which various cultural programmes have been organised, aimed at recreating the experience of visiting the popular temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, in Mysuru itself.

A model of Kashi Vishwanath Temple, which is 150-feet long and 50-feet tall, has been built, with the structures like Gopuras, Sukhanasini and Garbagriha *(Sanctum Sanctorum)*, where the idols of Linga and Nandi (the bull) have been consecrated. The whole structure has been illuminated with colourful lighting arrangements, which shines bright like a jewel in the night hours.

The Shivalinga, resembling the idol made of Ruby stone is 21-feet tall and has been the major attraction, which is also adorned with illumination. The devotees stand awestruck with the very sight of the Linga, evoking a sense of devotion among them. While some bow their head in reverence, some others capture the moment on their mobile phone camera, with a selfie picture.

Robotic Kumbhakarna

Robotic Kumbhakarna, a dramatic performance, where the band of saints preach religious messages, is the main attraction. It is based on the concept, which lays emphasis on awakening of devotees with meditation and yoga to prevent the world replete with vices going towards peril, and spread a message on adopting healthy methods in life.

That apart, the devotees can get a 'Massage for Mind' with a seven-minute computer programming, by wearing headphones. A film screening has been arranged to create awareness among the people about harmonious and healthy lifestyle.

Dwadasha Jyotirlinga, a replica of 12 Jyotirlingas has been arranged, along with the idols of Nava Chaitanya Devi, with details available on meditation and knowledge in spirituality and the importance of yoga with pictorial information.

President of Kannada Sahitya Parishat Dr. Mahesh Joshi inaugurated the Jnana Vignana Mela on Feb. 19, followed by special lectures on the topic 'Secrets of Valued Based Life' by former Lokayukta Justice N. Santosh Hegde on Feb. 20, 'Medicine called Happiness' by humourist Prof. Krishne Gowda on Feb. 21, 'Spiritualism and National Values' by Suresh N. Rigvedi on Feb. 22 and 'Ramayana As Envisoned By Me' by Monanda Shobha Subbaiah on Feb. 23, said Rajayogini Brahmakumari Lakshmiji.

Today, Dr. H.R. Abhijit will deliver a talk on the topic 'Spiritualism and Mental Health.'

Tomorrow (Feb.26), noted danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy and troupe will be presenting a Bharatanatyam performance on account of Shivarathri festival, followed by rendition of spiritual songs by B.K. Thippaiah and troupe and 'Shivamrita' dance ballet by Kumar Performing Arts Centre, Mysuru.

Karnataka Kalashree Dr. K. Kumar of Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru, along with his daughters K.M. Lekha and K.M. Nidhi, will be presenting an extraordinary 'Shivamrita' Bharatanatyam dance performance at 'Jnana Vijnana Divya Darshana Mela' in the grounds near BVB in city tomorrow (Feb. 26) at 8 pm.

'Many freedom fighters remain in dark'

Mysuru, Feb. 25- Writer Dr. V. Ranganath has given a call for not forgetting those great personalities who have made enormous sacrifices to bring freedom for us.

Speaking on the topic 'Indian Historical and Cultural Traditions,' Dr. Ranganath said, about 150 freedom fighters belonging to K.R. Pet in Mandya district, who took part in the freedom movement, have been identified.

Dr. V. Ranganath

Those families have not come forward to seek any facilities from the Government, in the name of freedom struggle. Hence, those families have been conveniently left out from the record books.

"It is not just those who are on Government records have taken part in the freedom struggle, but there are several others not brought into light, who should be identified. Besides, there is a need to introduce the practices that were in vogue earlier to the next generation," he opined.

WORD OF THE DAY

Quip

Pronunciation: KWIP (Noun).
Meaning: Quip can refer to a clever, usually taunting remark, or to a witty or funny observation or response usually made on spur of the moment.
Origin: To tweak a well-known line from Hamlet, brevity is the soul of quip. While jokes are often brief stories with setups followed by surprising and funny endings (chickens crossing roads, elephant footprints in the butter, etc.) quips are even briefer, and not so planned or scripted. They are more likely to arise naturally in conversation when someone is especially quick-witted, firing off zingers, retorts, or—if you want to get extra fancy about it—bon mots. Brevity also plays a role in quip's etymology: quip is a shortening of quippy, a now-obsolete noun of the same meaning. Quippy's origins are uncertain, but they may lie in the Latin word quippe, meaning "indeed" or "to be sure," which was often used ironically. Quip entered English as a noun in the 1500s, but was verbified within decades; the verb quip means "to make quips" or "to jest or jibe at."
Example: "He's always got a story, is always ready with a quip and isn't afraid to let the four-letter words roll off the tongue in the most creative ways." — Nathan Brown, The Indianapolis Star, 26 Apr. 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Sociophobia

Fear of social evaluation.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Tie the Knot

Meaning: The phrase 'Tie the Knot' is used to indicate that a couple is getting married.
Origin: The origin of the term 'Tie the Knot' is unknown and ancient. What is known is that knots are used in many cultures to symbolise unbreakable pledges, and have been associated with marriage since at least 13th century.
Example: "Christina and Bill are about to tie the knot. The wedding is on Saturday!"

QUOTE BOX

It is the fight alone that pleases us, not the victory. **—Blaise Pascal**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

1 3 5 7 9
WHELMING

Answer: The odds are over whelming.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Thought
5 Benjamin's pet name?
8 "Lake" anagram for a vegetable?
12 Look searchingly or with difficulty
13 Metal-bearing mineral
14 Chief Norse god
15 Brief summary
17 Did garden work
18 Fluid lubricant
19 Marine mammal
21 Joker or jester
24 A red dye - "noise" anagram?
25 Slender bars
26 Don't be afraid!
27 English honour, for short
30 Conclude
31 Nikola ___ : U.S. inventor - "Tales" anagram?
32 Consume some food
33 Cyst
34 Not as new
35 Dancer Pavlova
36 Up to that time
38 Bungle or blunder
39 Protective coat of metal
41 Capek's futuristic play
42 Asian desert
43 Diagnose; recognise
48 ___ the loss of : regrets the loss of?
49 Crazy person
50 Wings or winglike parts
51 Give it __ __ : have a go at it? (1,3)
52 The Almighty
53 The badger's home is called this

DOWN

1 BSE deal
2 Cricket legend Kapil ___
3 Shoe box letters
4 Archer's missiles?
5 Convert water to steam
6 Before, poetically speaking
7 ___ ____ Symphony : Dvorak's magnum opus? (3,5)
8 Batsman Virat ____
9 An item for beautification
10 In ___ of : instead?
11 All ___ up : completely?
16 Wine (Fr.)
20 On the briny
21 Ship's company
22 Having no company
23 1,3,5,7 or 9 (3,6)
24 Supporter of an artist's work
26 Craving, wanting or wishing
28 French bench
29 Arctic town - "hate" anagram?
31 Ballet skirt
35 Major arteries
37 Loud
38 Round bread roll
39 City in UP
40 Disastrous defeat
41 In short, no more on active duty?
44 Pair
45 The French for 'island'
46 Corpulent
47 Up to now

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

Q	U	I	■	A	E	R	■	■	O	A	F	
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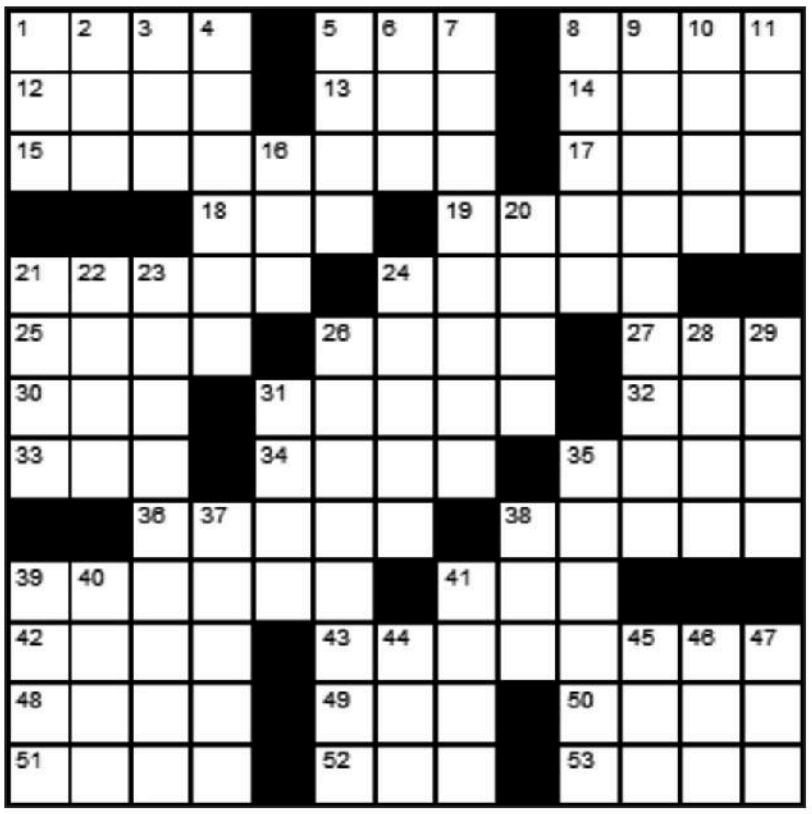

SUDOKU

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	7				2	8		
				4				9
	5		9		7			6

Answer to previous puzzle

9	4	3	8	7	2	6	5	1
6	2	8	1	9	5	4	3	7
5	7	1	6	3	4	2	8	9
3	9	2	5	6	8	1	7	4
1	6	4	7	2	3	5	9	8
8	5	7	9	4	1	3	6	2
2	1	9	3	5	7	8	4	6
7	8	5	4	1	6	9	2	3
4	3	6	2	8	9	7	1	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

CIXR BU BR RIXR LBUXJJZXNU CIZH VEW

YXGZ X W-RWNH? X JXNGBHK UJXDZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: K EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: When you have spoken the word, it reigns over you. When it is unspoken, you reign over it.

MOVIE LOVERS

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  Dragon (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
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- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
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Chhaava (H)	(S-1)	10.05 am, 4.25 pm
	(S-3)	7 pm
	(S-4)	1 pm, 7 pm, 10.15 pm
Dragon (Ta)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Bhaava Theera Yaana (K)	(S-1)	7.35 pm
Officer On Duty (Ma)	(S-1)	10.25 pm
Mere Husband Ki Biwi (H)	(S-2)	10.10 am, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Yello Jogappa Ninnaramane (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Vidaamuyarchi (Ta)	(S-2)	4 pm
Nodidavaru Enanthare (K)	(S-3)	10.20 am
Vishnu Priya (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Nilavuku En Mel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Get-Set Baby (Ma)	(S-3)	10.10 pm
Nimagondu Sihi Suddhi (K)	(S-4)	10.15 am
Eddelu Manjunatha - 2 (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Nangu Love Agidhe (K)	(S-1)	11.05 am
Forest (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
Vishnu Priya (K)	(S-1)	4.15 pm, 6.45 pm
Nodidavaru Enanthare (K)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
Yello Jogappa Ninnaramane (K)	(S-2)	10.55 am
Chhaava (H)	(S-2)	1.20 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.30 pm
	(S-3)	10.50 am, 9.15 pm
Navami (K)	(S-4)	11.05 am
Olavina Payana (K)	(S-4)	1.40 pm
Nimagondu Sihi Suddi (K)	(S-4)	4.10 pm
Nilavuku Enmel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	(S-4)	6.45 pm, 9.15 pm

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Chhaava (H)	:	9.10 am, 10 am, 12.30 pm, 3.50 pm 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Nilavuku Enmel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	:	9.45 am, 1.10 pm, 7.10 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	10 am, 4 pm, 10 pm
Mere Husband Ki Biwi (H)	:	10 am, 1 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.40 pm
Nimagondu Sihi Suddi (K)	:	11 am
Bromance (Ma)	:	12.30 pm
Shanubhogara Magalu (K)	:	1.15 pm
Sanam Teri Kasam (H)	:	3.25 pm
Vishnu Priya (K)	:	3.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Captain America (E-3D)	:	4 pm
Nanagu Love Aagidhe (K)	:	4.30 pm
Get-Set Baby (Ma)	:	6.35 pm
Bhaava Theera Yaana (K)	:	6.40 pm
Yello Jogappa Ninnaramane (K)	:	7.10 pm
Officer On Duty (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
The Wild Robot (E-2D)	:	9.55 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Chhaava (H)	:	8.40 am, 9.05 am, 12 noon, 12.30 pm 3.20 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.50 pm 10 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	10 am, 1.10 pm, 7.20 pm
Mere Husband Ki Biwi (H)	:	10.10 am, 4.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Vishnu Priya (K)	:	1.10 pm, 6.45 pm
Forest (K)	:	3.50 pm
Nilavuku Enmel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	:	3.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Eddelu Manjunatha 2 (K)	:	7.05 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 7829999465

Chhaava (H)	:	9.10 am, 12 noon, 12.30 pm, 3.20 pm 3.50 pm, 6.40 pm, 7.10 pm 10 pm, 10.30 pm
Nilavuku Enmel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	:	10.10 am, 7.20 pm
Vishnu Priya (K)	:	11 am, 4.50 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	1 pm, 10.10 pm
Mere Husband Ki Biwi (H)	:	1.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Sanam Teri Kasam (H)	:	4.10 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Chhaava (H)	:	9 am, 10 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm 4.10 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm, 10.20 pm
Mere Husband Ki Biwi (H)	:	10 am, 4.10 pm
Bhaava Theera Yaana (K)	:	11.30 am
Dragon (Ta)	:	1.00 pm
Vishnu Priya (K)	:	1.20 pm, 7.30 pm
Nimagondu Sihi Suddi (K)	:	2.20 pm
Shanubhogara Magalu (K)	:	5.10 pm
Get-Set Baby (Ma)	:	7.10 pm
Yello Jogappa Ninnaramane (K)	:	7.50 pm
Nilavuku Enmel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	:	10.20 pm
Officer On Duty (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 25)

- **Abhivruddhi:** Silk India, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **St. Joseph's First Grade College (A unit of the Mysore Diocesan Educational Society — MDES), Jayalakshmipuram:** Valedictory Ceremony of JO-FEST - 2025, Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Mysore and President, MDES, presides, Rev. Msgr. Alfred John Mendonca, Vicar General, Diocese of Mysore and Vice-President, MDES, Rev. Fr. Edward William Saldanha, Secretary, MDES and Rev. Fr. A. Naveen Kumar, Treasurer, MDES, will be present, A.H. Sagar, International Educationist, Philosopher & National Sports Person, chief guest, Aishwarya Rangarajan, Playback Singer, celebrity guest, Seby Mavely, CEO, Training and Development, MDES, esteemed presence, H.N. Chandrashekara, Principal and R. Shilpa, Vice-Principal will be present, St. Joseph's School (CBSE) Ground, Jayalakshmipuram, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram (Avadhoota Datta Peetham):** Mahashivarathri, release of video album '10 powerful Devi Bhajans on Violin' - Sri Swamiji's compositions on violin by 9-year-old twin brothers - Jathin Gudipudi and Jaswin Gudipudi, **6 pm;** Sri Venkatamakhin Memorial and Tyagaraja Swamy Aradhana - Mass Singing of Tyagaraja Pancharatna compositions by many musicians, Ganapathy Ashram, Datta Nagar, Ooty Road, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 26)

- **Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram (Avadhoota Datta Peetham):** Mahashivarathri, Mahashivarathri, Maha Rudra Homa, **6 am;** Sri Chakra Puja, Maha Rudra Homa Purnahuti, **9 am;** Maha Rudra Abhishekam by devotees, **11 am;** Puja to Moolikeshwara, **3 pm;** Rudra Abhishekam to Sri Sachchidanandeshwara Shivalinga by Pujya Sri Swamiji, **6.30 pm;** Sahasra Kalasha Abhisheka by devotees - Karnatak Vocal Duet Concert by Akkarai Sisters - Vidu. S. Subbalakshmi and Vidu. S. Sornalatha and troupe, **7 pm;** Karnatak Vocal Concert by Vid. Bharat Sundar and troupe, **10 pm;** Abhishekam to Sri Sachchidanandeshwara Shiva Linga by Chanting Rudra Prashna Veda Mantras for 11 times and different decorations, **11 pm;** Kuchipudi Dance by Sri Sadguru Dance Music Academy, Pithapuram, Andhra Pradesh, **1 am (Feb. 27);** Shiva Bhajans and Divya Nama Sankeertana by Pujya Sri Swamiji, **3 am;** Maha Mangala Arati to Sri Sachchidanandeshwara Shiva Linga, Teertha & Prasada distribution, Ganapathy Ashram, Datta Nagar, Ooty Road, **6 am (Feb. 27).**
- **Sri Kameshwara-Kameshwari Temple Religious and Cultural Programmes Committee and Mysore Palace Muzarai Institutions:** Mahashivaratri puja programmes — Ekadashavara Rudrabhisheka to Vijaya Vishveshwaraswamy, **8 am;** MP Yaduveer Wadiyar will be present, **11.30 am;** Prakarotsava, **12.30 pm;** Mahamangalarati, **1 pm;** Cultural programmes — Devaranama and Bhajans by Nimbujadevi Bhajana Mandali, **10 am;** Devaranama by Sri Shaila and troupe, **10.45 pm;** Devaranama and Bhajans by Dwarakadri Bhajana Mandali, **11.30 pm;** Shiva Devotional Songs and Devaranama by Chinmaya Bhajana Mandali, **12.15 pm to 1 pm;** Devaranama and Bhajans by Pattabhirama Bhajana Mandali, **5 pm;** Devaranama and Bhajans by Saptadri Bhajana Mandali, **5.45 pm;** Devaranama and Bhajans by Chiguru Bhajana Mandali, **6.30 pm;** Folk Songs and Bhavageete by Sri M.B. Anantaswamy Samskrutika Samsthe, **7.30 pm;** Mandolin Recital by A.V. Dattatreya and his disciples, **9.30 pm;** Bhavageete by H.K. Raveendra and troupe, **11 pm;** Devotional Songs by Y.R. Nagendra Rao and troupe, Temple premises, Ramanuja Road, **1 am to 2.30 am (Feb. 27).**
- **Sri Chandramoulishwara Swamy Temple:** Mahashivarathri, abhishekas, **8 am, 10.30 am, 12.30 pm, 6.30 pm & 9.30 pm (Feb. 26) and 12 am & 3.30 am (Feb. 27);** Bhajans and dance programmes will be held throughout the night; Utsava, **Temple premises, V.V. Mohalla, 8.30 am (Feb. 27).** [Darshan will be allowed from 6 am on Feb. 26 to 6 am on Feb. 27]
- **Chinmaya Mission:** Shivarathri celebrations, Bhajans, Abhisheka, Arati and Prasada, Chinmaya Mission, Gokulam, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Mahashivarathri celebrations

Mysuru, Feb. 25- As part of Mahashivarathri celebrations, the deity at Sri Trineshwaraswamy Temple in Mysore Palace premises, which is one among the cluster temples of Shree Chamundeshwari Kshetra Development Authority, will be decorated and adorned with 'Chinnada Kolaga' (Golden Mask) on Feb. 26. Hence, devotees will be allowed to have darshan of the deity from 6 am onwards.

Special pujas, abhishekas, prasada distribution will be done.

Also, special pujas, abhishekas, prasada distribution and cultural programmes have been organised at Sri Kameshwara-Kameshwari Temple on Ramanuja Road tomorrow on account of Mahashivarathri, according to a press release from the Authority Secretary.

Akhandanamokara Mantra Patana

Mysuru, Feb. 25- As part of Bhagavan Sri Adinathara Moksha Kalyana Dina and Jina Ratri, Vardhaman Jain Milan (Bharathiya Jain Milan Zone-08) has organised Akhandanamokara Mantra Patana Programme at Sri Parshwanathaswamy Basadi, M.L. Jain Boarding, Mysuru, from 8 am on Feb. 26 to 8 am on Feb. 27. For details, contact Mob: 96119-35436.

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At the event held in the school premises, the award was received by Sri T.Prabhakar Shetty (Treasurer) accompanied by Sri. K.M. Rajashekar (Vice President) and Sri. B. Shivalingappa (Secretary) S.V.E.I.

It was just in December that S.V.E.I. PUBLIC SCHOOL was conferred with 'SCHOOL EXCELLENCE AWARD-2024' under 3 Categories:
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